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1. EMBOFF MET WITH DR. DORUK, DIRECTOR OF APPLIED RESEARCH, METU, SEPTEMBER 16. DORUK STATED THE METU BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVED METU PARTICIPATION IN SROP ON SEPTEMBER 13. ALL NECESSARY APPROVAL FOR PROJECT HAS NOW BEEN OBTAINED.

2. IN DISCUSSION ON TRAINING SEGMENT OF SROP, DORUK MENTIONED PRIME UNIVERSITY INTEREST IN PROJECT CAME FROM PROFESSIONALS IN DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING IN DEPARTMENT CIVIL ENGINEERING. THESE DEPARTMENTS STILL PUSHING TO SEND TWO STAFF PROFESSIONALS TO U.S. FOR TRAINING OF SIX MONTHS EACH. DORUK MENTIONED THAT THE DEPARTMENTS DO NOT WANT TO SEND TECHNICIANS (AT LEAST PARTIALLY DUE TO LACK OF LANGUAGE CAPABILITY), BUT EXPECT THE PROFESSIONALS WHO RETURN TO TRAIN THE NECESSARY TECHNICIANS.

3. DORUK EXPECTED NO DIFFICULTY RE EQUIPMENT MENTIONING THAT METU WAS NOW AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM USGS ON HOW

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EQUIPMENT WOULD BE SENT, WHERE IT WOULD BE INSTALLED, AND

OTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS. EMBOFF PUSHED DORUK ON POSSIBLE PROBLEM RE CUSTOMS AND DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF EQUIPMENT. (REFTEL A, PARA 2, INDICATED TITLE TO EQUIPMENT WOULD REMAIN WITH NOAA UNTIL TRANSFER OF OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LOCAL ORGANIZATION; I.E., TITLE TO EQUIPMENT WOULD BE WITH USG AGENCY WHEN EQUIPMENT IS BROUGHT INTO TURKEY AND WOULD NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO METU WHICH HAS DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES UNTIL LATER). DORUK SAID METU HAS NO PROBLEM BRINGING IN ITS OWN RESEARCH EQUIPMENT DUTY-FREE AND THAT WHILE NOAA REGULATIONS WOULD PRESENT ADDITIONAL TWIST HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH CUSTOMS.

4. DORUK PROMISED TO WRITE USGS ON TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT. HE CLOSED BY MENTIONING THAT UNIVERSITY IS EAGER TO GET SROP MOVING AND FORESEES MUTUAL ADVANTAGE FOR BOTH USG AND METU.
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